GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND IN KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the area of railway land under encroachment in Kolkata;

(b) the time since when this land has been encroached upon; and

(c) the steps being taken to clear the encroachments?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) About 8 hectares.

(b) The land has been encroached upon over various years.

(c) Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to free their land of encroachments as per provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 and Railways Act, 1989. Apart from this railways also take preventive steps to check that more areas of railway land are not encroached upon. Regular monitoring is done at Zonal Headquarters and Railway Board level. However, while trying to evict encroachers, railways have to face possibility of law and order problems, litigations etc. For eviction of encroachers, railways are dependent on co-operation of State Govt. authorities including Police, to avoid law and order problems. Despite these constraints, railways make every effort to protect railway land from encroachers.